

CLARA SUTRO AS HUSBAND.

Mrs. Clara Kluge, of San Francisco, Will Ask for a Share in the Big Estate.

Mrs. Clara Kluge, the alleged widow of Adolph Sutro, proposes to make a fight for a share of the millionaire's great estate. She has announced her determination and in the course of an interview made a detailed statement of her relations with Sutro, and incidentally shed some light on another will, which she claims the millionaire told her he made. She said:

"I was first introduced into the Sutro family 11 or 12 years ago as seamstress and lived with the family at the heights for four months in that capacity. My relations with Mr. Sutro during these years have been well known to them. I was for years in the habit of visiting the house on the heights with my children every week.

"The members of his family know as well as I know, and many other people know, that a greater part of the time he lunched and dined with me and the children. During the time he was mayor he always was expected at luncheon, and it was always ready for him. He always came unless detained by business."

Mrs. Kluge would not say how and when she married Sutro, but said they were married. She declared the aged millionaire was the father of her two children, and always acknowledged it. Continuing, she said:

"It is very surprising to me that no later will than that published as his last will can be found. I know from conversations with him that he left a will of later date. He frequently told me he had given his library to the city, with a provision for the expense of its maintenance. He also told me he had given the Sutro heights property to the city. I know it was one of his fondest plans, for he wanted to earn the credit of having given these properties to the city. He thought it would be a great monument to his memory."

PROTECTING THE PARKS.

Work of Clearing the National Reservations in California of Sheep Herds Has Been Finished.

The secretary of the interior has received reports from the Superintendents of the National Parks from the various sheep herds. Dr. Zevoy has reported that the portion of the work assigned to him has been completed. He says that in 1901 there have been ejected 55 bands of sheep from Yosemite park, and in 1902, 47 bands. The work has been successful in the General Grant and Sequoia parks. The herds had been so long in Yosemite park that nearly all the grass and other forage had been destroyed.

Some confusion exists in California in regard to the action and intention of the interior department, and it is desired that it be distinctly understood that no animals, under any circumstances, will be permitted to graze upon the public reservations, and that all measures necessary will be taken to keep the parks free from them.

NOW ASPIRES TO STAGE.

Mrs. Van Schaeck, Who Sued Her Father-in-Law for \$600,000, to Appear Before the Footlights.

Mrs. Fione Lillian Palmer Van Schaeck, who sued Peter Van Schaeck, of Chicago, for \$600,000 damages for alienating the affections of her husband, his son, is in New York city again. Mrs. Van Schaeck has histrionic aspirations, and Mr. Charles Leonard Fletcher, the all-around godfather of footlight fledglings, has made Mrs. Van Schaeck leading lady in his coming "Jekyll and Hyde" tour through "the provinces."

Mrs. Van Schaeck's marital troubles have been more or less before the public for some time.

In the future Mrs. Van Schaeck will stand or fall by her histrionic abilities. She has had wide experience in the art of captivating hearts, and will doubtless be a drawing card. Mr. Fletcher expects to land his leading lady on the pinnacle of success before the season closes.

LIGHTNING STRIKES A TRAIN.

Bolt Goes Crashing Through a Car, But No Passengers Are Injured.

Officials of the Canadian Pacific road say that never in their experience have they heard of such a peculiar accident, that which happened to one of their trains bound for the coast. A thunder storm sprang up as the train was plunging through a mountain pass at the rate of 40 miles an hour, when a bolt of lightning seemed to follow it for a hundred yards until it reached the entrance to the tunnel. The bolt then struck the side of the tunnel and glanced off, entering a window of one of the cars and striking the metal side of a vacant seat bored a hole through the floor of the car to the track, where it exploded with a noise like the rattle of a hundred rifles. None of the passengers in the coach were injured.

Electricity for a Diving Bell.

An improved diving bell of great capacity, moving along the sea bottom by means of screws propelled by electricity, is on exhibition in Paris. It can be worked at very great depths and holds air enough to supply the crew for 48 hours without renewal. It is lighted by electricity, which also furnishes motive power for any tools that may be used.

Elephants.

In India elephants over 12 and up to 45 years of age are deemed the best to purchase, and will generally work well until they are 80 years old.

A JILTED WOMAN.

Takes a Queer Revenge on Her Faithless Lover.

Interrupts His Marriage to Another Girl and Makes Him Promise He Will Marry Her When His Wife Dies.

There was a dramatic wedding at Columbia, Mo., the other day, in which Miss Lucille Johnston, a rival of the bride, played the star part. The contracting parties, Downing Buckner and Miss Fannie Reid, were at her mercy, and before she would allow the ceremony to proceed she made Buckner sign a paper promising to marry her in case Miss Reid should die or be divorced from him.

Announcement of the immediate marriage of Mr. Buckner and Miss Reid was made several weeks ago. The prospective groom and his party were in the church and all was in readiness. After waiting several hours for the bride, who came not, they were informed that she had decided not to marry and had just boarded a train for St. Louis.

She remained there until she heard that Mr. Buckner was preparing to lead to the altar in her stead Miss Lucille Johnston, a bitter rival. When Miss Reid heard this she came to Columbia on the first train and told Buckner she was eager to marry him at once. Miss Johnston was promptly forsaken and the marriage of Buckner to his first love was set.

The church was filled with friends when Mr. Buckner and Miss Reid appeared before Rev. W. T. O'Brien to have the ceremony performed. The clergyman, instead of beginning the service, threw the guests into a panic by announcing that objection had been made to the wedding, and he could not, therefore, perform the ceremony.

While the excitement was at its height Miss Johnston appeared and loudly announced that she was the bride. She declared that she had a prior claim upon Mr. Buckner and that she proposed to see another woman get him.

Friends interceded, and at last Miss Johnston agreed to withdraw her objection to the wedding, provided Mr. Buckner would sign a paper promising to marry her at once in case of the death of or divorce from his first wife. This paper was signed by Mr. Buckner, and then the wedding proceeded.

BUILDS AN ENGINE.

Experts Astonished at the Work of a Little Twelve-Year-Old Indiana Boy.

Villa Shultz, 12 years old, is perhaps the youngest person in the world to produce an important invention. He has invented and made, without any assistance, a steam engine, unique in design and perfect in operation. Every part of this engine was made by the boy, who had but few tools, and they of the crudest sort. It is adapted to shape the material with which he had to work. In fact, almost without tools of any description and without appropriate material, he has made an engine that expert mechanics declare but few men could produce, given only the tools and material used by the boy.

While the engine in itself is wonderful when considered the work of a mere child, yet the ideas embodied in its construction are far more wonderful, and it is almost past belief that a boy could have conceived and executed them. Charles N. Teeter, an expert mechanic and noted inventor, has examined the engine and pronounced it a marvel of ingenuity and skill.

The engine possesses no new principles, but old principles are applied in a new way. The boy evidently has not patterned after any other engine, and is the inventor as well as builder of his machine. The valves work perfectly and the running is faultless. The parts composing it are very few, and it is built throughout upon the simplest plan. The young inventor is the son of Daniel Shultz, six miles west of Hagerstown, Ind. The boy will be assisted and encouraged to continue his experimenting.

FINDS LONG-LOST DAUGHTER.

Wealthy New Yorker's Missing Child a Hot Springs Hotel Landlady.

A. L. Hughes, a retired broker of New York, found his long-lost daughter at the Arlington hotel, Hot Springs, Ark., the other day.

Miss Hughes was kidnapped several years ago by the mother, who took the babe to Chicago and there deserted her. The heart-broken father prosecuted a vigorous search throughout the entire country, but to no avail, as he could not find his child.

A few days ago Hughes went to Hot Springs on his customary summer tour and took rooms in the Arlington hotel. When passing through the laundry he chanced to meet a pretty face. He questioned the girl and found her name to be Mamie Hughes.

Explanations followed and it developed that the girl was Mr. Hughes' long-lost daughter. They fell into each other's arms and a dramatic scene followed. Father and daughter left on a trip to California.

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